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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

Ladies And Vets Night At Cleveland



Left to right, Grand Master Hooks, Dana H. Harris, Mrs. Harris, Russell G. Laughridge and Mrs. Laughridge. "...Happy shall he be that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us." Ps. 137:8

Monday night, April 28 began at 7:00 o'clock in Shelby's Hotel Charles Banquet room with a sumptuous buffet dinner served to three hundred or more guests, following the invocation by the Reverend Brother Howard W. Haskell.

Then followed the address of welcome by W. Brother Ronald M. Gantt, Master of Cleveland Lodge who introduced the Lodge's most colorful personality W. Brother R. Pete Dudley, P.M. and Assistant Grand Secretary, as Master of Ceremonies.

Brother Dudley got the program off to a fast start with his bristling wit and affable humor, introducing "The Generations", a singing group of young ladies from the First Baptist Church who rendered several selections which were enthusiastically received. He recognized our Masonic Widows, honored guests of the Lodge, each of whom had been presented a flower.

He then presented our distinguished guests as follows: W. Brother Troy G. Robbins, Assistant Grand Chaplain; W. Brother A. D. Leon Gray, Assistant Grand Chaplain; W. Brother Leslie H. Garner, Grand Steward; R. W. .

Brother William M. Mims, Jr., Sr. Grand Warden; R. W. Brother Maurice A. Walsh, Deputy Grand Master; M. W. Brother W. Edward Burrier, Past Grand Master; M. W. Brother Charles A. Harris, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary; and M. W. Brother William A. Hooks, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina.

After an interlude of music by the "Generations," M. W. Brother Hooks, in a most impressive manner, presented Fifty Year Awards and Medals to Brothers Dana H. Harris and Russell G. Laughridge, long time Secretary of Cleveland Lodge.

Then the climax of the evening M. W. Brother Burrier was again recognized. He paid a glowing tribute to Brother Laughridge for his long and faithful service to Cleveland Lodge and to Masonry in general. He is now in his 47th year as Secretary. (See remarks of Brother Burrier, which follow.)

To conclude a most enjoyable evening M. W. Brother Hooks in his closing remarks paid Brother Laughridge a splendid tribute in

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Here They Are Again

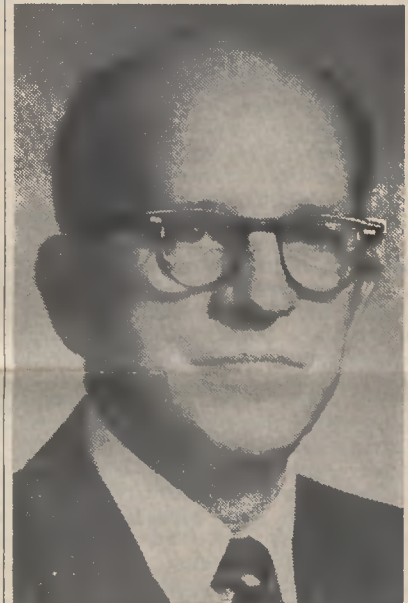
Brother Harry Shor, Constant Chairman of Oxford Orphanage Committee, William G. Hill Lodge No. 218, Raleigh, held his third "report" meeting for the 1969 season on Thursday, May 28, in Raleigh Masonic Temple. Hosts for the steak dinner were draftees, Brother Paul N. Humphreys, P.M., Thomas H. Wilder, Sr., T. T. Wellens, Charlie Wellons and W. Gale Parker, P.M.

Top money raiser for this particular meeting was Brother John B. Byrd, Jr., Senior Warden, with \$225.00 delivered to Brother Harry whose smile was no less expansive than a harvest moon. Brother A. Linwood King was second with \$60.00, and Bro. T. U. ("Buck") Jackson third with \$50.00. He was closely followed by Bro. Luther B. Hughes, with \$45.00. These figures make Brother Shor an amiable, affable and genial chairman, in full-and-fit form, salubrious, opulent and sagacious.

Brother M. S. ("Jim") Morgan, Master, stated that our monthly newsletter, "The Trestle Board", would have a plug for donations to Brother Shor's committees. He also advised that a local merchant, and friend of Brother Shor, had donated a bountiful supply of shoes and clothing to Oxford Orphanage (Bros. Morgan and Shor personally got a truck and delivered it), and that this made a total of about \$4,000 in value of clothing and shoes donated by this same firm within the past couple of years, and

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Traveling With The Grand Master



WILLIAM A. HOOKS
Grand Master of Masons
in North Carolina

Immediately following my election as Grand Master on Wednesday, April 16, my appointments for this year were announced in Grand Lodge. The line officers who were advanced to the next station are Brothers Nathaniel C. Dean, Norwood, Senior Grand Deacon; William L. Mills, Jr., Concord, Junior Grand Deacon; S. Frank Noble, Jr., New Bern, Grand Marshall; and Hiram J. Casebolt, Raleigh, Grand Steward.

Those reappointed for another year were Brothers Fred F. Harding, Raleigh, Grand Tyler; Richard D. Shinkle, New Bern, Grand Chaplain; Charles T. Potter, New Bern, Grand Lecturer; and Emery B. Denny, Raleigh, Judge Advocate.

New Appointive Officers are Brothers A. D. Leon Gray, Oxford, and Troy G. Robbins, Greensboro, Assistant Grand Chaplains; James G. Johnston, Charlotte, Grand Historian; and William J. Bundy, Greenville, Grand Orator.

Your Junior Grand Steward, the new grand lodge line officer, who will I'm sure, advance to the office

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YOU COST YOUR LODGE MONEY

It costs your lodge secretary time and money to write us your new address and your old address. It costs us money to write and inquire. Besides that the Post Office charges us TEN CENTS for each undelivered copy. So, when you move, first notify us, then your bank, etc. It costs only a postal card to save us—well, we're spending over ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS a month trying to keep up with you. Help!